

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as now presently amended, is respectfully requested.

New Claim 31 has been added. Claim 24 has been canceled. Claims 1, 14, 25, 26, and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-23, and 25-31 are active in the application.

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 28-30 are allowed.

In regard to the allowance of Claims 28-30, the Office Action states that:

Togami et al. does not disclose the three edges of the  
key slot form a plane. There would be no  
motivation to make this modification.

Similar to allowed Claims 28-30, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite that “the three edges of the key slot form a plane.” Thus, amended Claim 1 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

The same argument as set forth above applies to rejected Claims 2-13, which depend from amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 1-13 are believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

Similar to allowed Claims 28-30, independent Claim 14 has been amended to recite that “the three edges of the key slot form a plane.” Thus, amended Claim 14 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

The same argument as set forth above applies to rejected Claims 15-23, which depend from amended Claim 14. Accordingly, Claims 14-23 are believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

Similar to allowed Claims 28-30, independent Claim 25 has been amended to recite that “the three edges of the key slot form a plane.” Thus, amended Claim 25 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

Similar to allowed Claims 28-30, independent Claim 26 has been amended to recite that “the key slot has three edges,” and that “the three edges of the key slot form a plane.” However, unlike allowed Claims 28-30, Claim 26 has been further amended to remove the specific reference to the capacitor in the pathological circuit having a value of 4.7uF. Thus, amended Claim 26 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

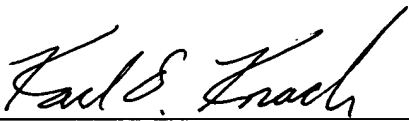
Similar to allowed Claims 28-30, independent Claim 27 has been amended to recite that “the key slot has three edges,” and that “the three edges of the key slot form a plane.” However, unlike allowed Claims 28-30, Claim 27 has been further amended to remove the specific reference to the capacitor in the pathological circuit having a value of 4.7uF. Thus, amended Claim 27 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

New Claim 31 generally contains the features recited in previously presented Claim 30, except that the recitation of the feature where “the pathological circuitry includes a capacitor having a value of 4.7uF,” has been removed. Similar to allowed Claims 28-30, new Claim 31 does recite that “the key slot has three edges,” and that “the three edges of the key slot form a plane.” Thus, new Claim 31 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references of record.

The above changes to the claims are self-evident from the original disclosure. Therefore, it is believed that no new matter has been introduced, and no new issues have been raised.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are definite and in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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